the matter is pending in the Supreme Court and is, therefore *sub-judice*.

Financing of Fishing Industry

2382. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SCICI has financed the fishing industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the firms are unable to meet their dues;

(c) whether in view of depression in the industry all over the country, Government will ensure that small entrepreneurs are not harassed; and

(d) if not, what measures are being taken to revive the sick fishing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited (SCCI) has undertaken financing of deep sea fishing trawler companies.

(b) to (d) SCICI has reported that whilst deep sea fishing companies assisted by it are by and large remitting their dues as per schedule, many of the companies assisted by erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) are defaulting in repayment of principal as well as interest instalments. SCICI has undertaken examination of reschedulement proposals from defaulting deep sea fishing companies. The cases are being dealt with on merits and on a case by case basis with a view to assisting viable companies to overcome their difficulties and to meet their obligations regularly.

Andhra Pradesh Government's Request for Printing of Stamps for Advocates Welfare Fund

2383. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Government of India to get the stamps intended for Advocates' Welfare Fund printed at the Nasik Press; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for rejecting the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both India Security Press, Nasik Road and Security Printing Press, Hyderabad are presently having no spare capacity. Accepting any additional load is, therefore, not possible without adversely affecting the existing work load.

Compensation to Victims of Industrial Accidents

2384. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many people residing outside industrial plants engaged in hazardous chemical processes who become victims of industrial accidents are unable to get immediate compensation from any source;

(b) whether Government propose to make some arrangements to provide immediate relief to such victims; and

(c) if so, whether there is any move to collect industrial disaster relief fund from the industrialists who instal such plants at the time of granting licences to them?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The question of introduction of Mandatory Public Liability Insurance for ensuring immediate payment of an amount to the

victims of accidents caused during handling of hazardous chemicals is under the consideration of the Government. The details of the scheme are being worked out in consultation with the concerned Central Ministries/ Departments.

Structures Passed on Delhi Police in a Case of Criminal Intimidation and Wrongful Confinement

2385. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to strictures passed on Delhi Police for its failure to trace various witnesses including a Sub-Inspector posted at the Chittaranjan Park Police post in the case against Anil Seth, involved in a case of criminal intimidation and wrongful confinement of a maid servant etc. (Times of India, dated the 13th February, 1989);

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Case FIR No. 803/85 Police Station Kalkaji, New Delhi, was pending trial in the Court of Shri D.R. Jain, Patiala House, New Delhi. The case was fixed for hearing on 9-2-1989 and, accordingly, the summons were issued in respect of 4 persons. These could not be served as the persons concerned were either out of Delhi or were not available at the addresses given by them. As such, the prosecution had sought another date for production of the witnesses, but the Hon'ble Court did not accede to the request and acquitted the accused.

(c) Disciplinary action has been initiated against the defaulting official.

Customs Duty on Copper Scrap

2386. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have abolished the customs duty for import of copper scrap to be used for manufacturing of Copper-Oxychloride and Copper Sulphate-protective fungicide for numerous vegetables, fruits and field crops; and

(b) whether Government have also abolished customs duty on Zinc-scrap for manufacturing of Zinc-Sulphate in the country; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद का निर्णय

2387. **श्री मौलाना असद मदनी** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद की पिछली बैठक में इस आशय का कोई निर्णय लिया गया था कि जिस जिले में साम्प्रदायिक दंगे होंगे उसके अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कड़ी कार्यवाही की जायेगी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस आधार पर कितने अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है और इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री पी० चिदम्बरम :

(क) जी हां, श्रीमन् । राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को आवश्यक अनुदेश जारी किए गए हैं कि साम्प्रदायिक स्थिति से कारगर रूप से निपटने का उल्लेख जिला मजिस्ट्रेट और पुलिस अधीक्षकों की वार्षिक गोपनीय रिपोर्ट में किया जाए ।